

FINE PROGRAM SUNDAY MORNING

Dr. J. M. Gross, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ocala, Preached the Baccalaureate Sermon Before Graduating Class of Twenty-Six Splendid Boys and Girls From the Text, "The Life is More Than Meat and the Body More Than Raiment." The Music Was Made By Members of the Various Church Choirs of the City, and Was Pronounced Excellent.

A most interesting and inspiring service was that yesterday in the auditorium of the DeSoto County High School building, when more than six hundred Arcadians assembled for the purpose of hearing the baccalaureate sermon delivered by Dr. J. M. Gross, of Ocala, before the graduating class of the DeSoto County High School.

Dr. Gross took for his text, "The Life is More Than Meat, and the Body is More Than Raiment." He spoke for three-quarters of an hour, and the audience hung upon his words of burning eloquence while he tried to impress upon the twenty-six young graduates the full responsibilities of life. It would be difficult for any one to give more wholesome instruction within a brief period of time than was contained in this address. It was the subject of much favorable comment, and could not fail to make a profound impression, not only upon the members of the class, but upon all others.

The music was excellent, the singers being composed of members of the various choirs of the city, and having been trained by Miss Ella M. Polk, our much appreciated vocal instructor. The following program was rendered:

Voluntary: "The Lord is Exalted" West
CHOIRS OF THE CITY.
Psalm: 100th
SENIOR CLASS.
Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy."
CONGREGATION.
Prayer
REV. WAGGONER.
Hymn: "Onward, Christian Soldiers."
CONGREGATION.
Reading of the Lesson
REV. F. A. SHORE.
Offertory: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
CHOIRS OF THE CITY.
Baccalaureate Sermon
DR. J. M. GROSS.
Prayer
REV. R. T. BELL.
Doxology
Benediction
REV. G. W. SCOTT.

MANY IRISH REBELS SURRENDER.

London, May 2.—All the rebels in Dublin have surrendered, and those in the country districts are doing likewise, according to an official statement just issued. The statement says:

"All the rebels in Dublin have surrendered and the city is reported quite safe. The rebels in the country districts are surrendering to the mobile columns."

"There were 1,000 prisoners in Dublin Sunday, of whom 489 were sent to England that night."

"It is reported from Queenstown that hopes were entertained that arms would be handed in the city of Cork."

"During the night of April 30-May 1, the rebels in Enniscorthy made an offer to surrender their leaders and their arms on condition that the rank and file be allowed to return to their homes. They were informed that the only terms that could be entertained were unconditional surrender. These terms were accepted by them, and it was reported later that the rebels were surrendering on these terms."

"A column composed of soldiers and Royal Irish Constabulary captured seven prisoners in the neighborhood of Ferns yesterday."

"Wicklow, Arklow, Dunlavin, Baginbown and New Ross, and the counties of Cork, Clare, Limerick and Kerry are generally quiet. The whole of Ulster is quiet."

Telegraphing from Dublin Sunday, the Evening News correspondent says:

"The last rebel stronghold to be taken was Jacob's factory, which was surrounded at midday. Cut off from the rest of the city, the beleaguered insurgents here had not heard of the capitulation of their chiefs. They kept up a desultory fusillade from the roofs and windows, and finally had to be subdued by a battery of artillery."

Rebels of the rank and file followed the example of their leaders and confessed the cause of the Irish republic was lost by laying down their arms at the foot of the Parnell monument in Sackville street, and surrendering to British troops. About 450 of them who had fought since Monday in this central area marched out from their strongholds under the white flag and gave themselves up. A few irreconcilable continued sniping from lairs, difficult to locate on roofs or among rafters of buildings nearby."

Soon afterward a rebel lieutenant wearing a heather green uniform and carrying a white flag, came in with a guard of ten men from the adjoining county of Meath to learn the truth about rumors of a general surrender. The party marched off to the castle and learned from J. H. Pearce, who was named provisional president of the Irish Republic, that the movement had collapsed, and was advised to resign no longer. The lieutenant and his escort then started out to parley with the rebels in the country districts in an effort to induce them to lay down their arms.

Connolly Is Wounded.
James Connolly, one of the leaders of the uprising, is said by government officials to be a prisoner, wounded

in the castle.

A correspondent of the Associated Press visited the entire area of the disturbances. The desolation and destruction showed how severe was the fighting. Any effort to describe the ruined center of the disturbance can give only a general idea of the havoc, which, however, looks more extensive than it actually is, owing to the great amount of debris.

Passing down from headquarters near the entrance to Phoenix Park on North Circular road to the Four Courts district, one found that every window of the law courts had been shattered. The rebels had held the building in force for a week. Valuable law reference books and furniture were utilized to barricade windows, and through the interstices between the bulky volumes the rebels sniped without cessation, day and night, and were fired on in turn until they were compelled to evacuate the premises.

ANNUAL RECITAL

Ladies' Friday Musicals Draws Fine Audience.

If any one doubts that the Ladies' Friday Musicals of this city is composed of artists both along musical and dramatic lines, let him attend one of their public entertainments and have his mind disabused.

The editor of the News and his wife were invited to attend the annual recital of this club, given last night in the Masonic Temple, and it was indeed an evening of rare enjoyment. There were fifteen numbers on the program, and not one was from an author who does not have an international reputation, among them being such famous composers as Faust, L. H. Lerman, Watson, Weber, Gautier and others.

This is only one of the several ladies' clubs in this city, the fundamental purposes of which is to encourage and develop artistic tastes and social enjoyment. We doubt if there is a city of the population of Arcadia to be found where there is more talent along these lines than among the ladies of this city. This is not an ordinary compliment, but is a fact generally recognized by those who are acquainted and have the ability for making the proper comparisons.

After the exercises were over delightful refreshments, consisting of punch, cakes and cream were served to the more than two hundred invited guests.

The entire program was as follows:

PART I.
Chorus: "Hark to the Mandolin."
Parker: Ladies' Friday Musical.
Piano: "Le Secret." Gautier: Mesdames Bell, Downing, Cravens.
Song: Selected: Mrs. Bennett.
Piano: "Invitation to the Dance."
Von Weber: Mrs. Simmons.
Reading: Selected: Mrs. Bell.
Overture to "Caliph of Bagdad."
Boieldieu: Mesdames Bell, Downing, Jones.
Song: "Voices of the Woods." Watson: Mrs. Garner.
"How the La Rue Stakes Were Lost." Hood: Mrs. Burton.
PART II.
Chorus: "Blossom Time." Lerman: Ladies' Friday Musical.
Song: "Rose of My Heart." Lohr:

Mrs. McSwain.
Piano: "Soldier's March." Faust: Mesdames Kards and Vance.
Song: "Mammy's Hush-a-Bye." Parks: Mesdames Stevenson, Hollingsworth, Crawford, Trice and Newcome.

Piano, Selected: Mrs. Mitchell.

The Balcony Scene From "Romeo and Juliet." Romeo, Mrs. Ball; Juliet, Mrs. Burton.

Piano, "Marche-Galop." Lavignac: Mesdames Bell, Jones, Cline and Leltnier.

TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS WERE ENDURED.

Halifax, N. S., May 2.—The story of the fate of the captain and crew of the British steamship Suffolk, caught in the ice in the White Sea while on her way to Archangel shortly before Christmas, was related here by sailors of the New Foundland steamer Bellaventure, just in from Archangel.

The crew of the Bellaventure met and talked with the three survivors, only one of whom, a Russian Finn, was physically able to recount his adventures. The other two were not expected to recover.

The Suffolk, supposedly having a cargo of war supplies, was caught in the ice of the White Sea. Heavy weather followed, the Russian Finn said, and finally not only food, but fuel, was exhausted.

The suffering caused many of the men to lose their minds, and while in this state they succumbed. The ship's captain, crazed by the suffering of his men, whom he was unable to aid, and himself exhausted and worn, committed suicide.

When only ten survivors remained they decided to try to reach land on foot. Taking the scanty provisions remaining they set forth on an eighty mile trip across the ice. A heavy blizzard set in and the party soon became scattered and lost. Only three were able to stick together, and after days of wandering they were found by the crew of a British ship and taken to land.

The Suffolk, a ship of 4,854 tons, was last reported in maritime records as leaving Townsville, Australia, November 18 last, for Bowen, Australia.

FIVE THOUSAND STRIKERS.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 2.—Five thousand striking employees of the Westinghouse plants entered the mills of four big steel companies in Ramona and Ludlow late yesterday, attacked employees and caused property damage amounting to several thousand dollars. One rioter was arrested by hundreds attacked the police with stones and rescued the prisoner. Rioting lasted three hours, and was the most serious since the strike began.

The plants entered were those of the Edgar Thomson works of the Carnegie Steel Company, the American Steel and Wire Company, McClintic Marshall Construction Company, and the Standard Chain Company. District Attorney Jackson ordered the saloons in Braddock, which had been permitted to reopen three hours before the struggle, to be closed indefinitely.

Sheriff George W. Richards last night ordered saloons in Homestead closed after receipt of reports that strikers would hold a demonstration there.

Two hundred workmen in Painters' Mills, of the Carnegie Steel Company, went on a strike late yesterday. They demand a ten per cent. increase in wages. Fifty laborers at the city filtration plant also quit work because they were refused an increase in pay. At Chaleroi, Pa., employees in four departments of the Hussey Binns Shovel Company quit work because a raise in wages was not satisfactory.

Hopes were held out for an early settlement of the strike of street car men which went into effect at midnight and which has tied up every line in Allegheny county, with the exception of three interurbans as a result of a conference between Mayor Armstrong, business men, newspaper publishers, officials of the Pittsburg railroads and a committee of union men here. The conference began at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was still in session at midnight. Those present were optimistic regarding the outcome of the negotiations.

VEGETABLES INJURED BY PROTRACTED DROUGHT.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 2.—Vegetable crops throughout the state are suffering from continued drought, also the melon and cantaloupe crops will be seriously affected unless there be rain within a few days. For the past three months there has been only two or three light rains, and the ground is very dry and the weather warm. Growers who had the foresight and money to put in irrigation plants are the only that will reap the harvest this spring, as practically now all of the good quality vegetables are coming from the low, moist lands, or from the acreage under irrigation. Owing to the shortage in crops of every description the southern markets are re-

ceiving a large quantity of vegetables from the Gulf and to northern markets.

Since the beginning of the season the total car lot movement to April 1 is as follows: Mixed vegetables, 1,335; lettuce, 2,295 cars; tomatoes, 3,335 cars; celery, 2,957 cars; strawberries, 231 cars; pineapples, 12 cars; potatoes, 142 cars.

COL. ROOSEVELT.

New York, May 2.—Colonel Roosevelt, on his return here from Chicago issued a statement expressing gratification with the reception of his views on "preparedness, national duty and Americanism" in the middle west. Colonel Roosevelt declared he is not interested in the political fortunes of himself or others, and after outlining the principles advocated in recent speeches, said:

"It cannot be said too often that this is a time of crisis in the nation's career. We are laying down the foundation and the controlling lines of a new era in our history. Everything I can do will be done to see that the people, west and east, realize the facts and act accordingly."

"By no act of mine, by no word of mine, has this grave question been involved in factional politics. In every state in which the law governs such matters I have promptly withdrawn my name from all factional struggles. In a cable message from Trinidad on March 9 last, I requested and insisted that my friends in Massachusetts refrain from such a contest, and I would have invoked the law there as I did in other states if there had been such a law. In that statement I also said I was not interested in the political factions either of myself or others, and I have resolutely stuck to that determination. I have not expressed and do not intend to express myself as being for or against any man."

"As regards myself, I do not believe that delegates ought to nominate me at Chicago unless they are prepared wholeheartedly and without reserve to make the fight along the lines above outlined. I am fighting for certain great and vital principles. Those who take their stand in such a matter because of factional or personal prejudice are either lacking in patriotism or else are blind to the tremendous forces at work the world over. In the midst of a tragedy without parallel in the world's history the work done is not that of the politician, but that of the patriot."

"For that reason I most earnestly hope that the delegates who go to Chicago will nominate some man on whom republicans and progressives can combine and who, however, can be heartily supported by all independent citizens, and particularly by all independent democrats who are loyal to the nationalism of Andrew Jackson, and who are prepared to put the vital honor and interests of this nation above a mere partisan consideration. I hope they will choose a man upon whom all can unite and who, if elected, we can be absolutely certain will put the principles above set forth into actual operation."

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

Washington, May 2.—The administration's fight for the senate Philippine bill with the Clark amendment authorizing independence for the islands within four years, was lost last night in the house after voting 213 to 165 to strike out the Clark amendment, the house by a vote of 151 to 17 passed a substitute for the entire measure, the Jones bill, providing for a greater measure of self government in the Philippines and carrying a preamble declaring the intention of the United States to grant independence ultimately, without fixing a date.

Over the heated protests of administration leaders, the house by a vote of 203 to 154, instructed its conferees not to agree to any declaration setting a definite time for granting the islands their independence. Speaker Clark appointed Representatives Jones, of Virginia, and Garrett, of Tennessee, democrats, and Towner, of Iowa, republican, as conferees.

The bill now goes to conference between the two houses with the opponents of the Clark amendment satisfied that it is dead at least for this session of congress.

The house remained in session to take the final vote. Many democrats joined the solid republican minority in defeating the Clark amendment, which had been given unqualified endorsement by the president. It was the first marked victory of the year over any part of the president's legislative program, and the republicans were noisily jubilant. After each victorious vote they applauded for several minutes, and by way of mocking the democrats, emitted frequently the famous "rebel yell" of the majority.

LEE COUNTY MARKETS EARLY WATER MELONS.

Lee county probably will ship the first water melons of the season. A. P. Spencer, district agent for the University of Florida Extension Division, reports that a few local water

melons were on sale in Fort Myers last week. There is a large acreage in that section this year. They were planted early, and several car loads will be shipped early in May. These probably will be the first to arrive the state for this season.

The farmers of Lee county have had a good trucking season although the acreage was not so large as in some sections. Mr. Spencer says that the sweet peppers have been especially good. Some fields have been picked almost continuously since November, and are still bearing.

A large acreage of citrus fruits will be planted within the next year. One company is preparing to plant 2,500 acres, principally grape fruit, within the next eight or ten months. A few men are planting mangoes and avocados of the earliest and most salable varieties.

THRIPS' PREY ON TOMATOES AND STRAWBERRIES.

Did you ever notice any little hard brown fruits among the strawberries? Some have failed to develop and some have a whole side that failed to fill out. This injury was caused during the blooming period. The cause was the versatile flower thrips. It is not at all particular about its host, and consequently works on a variety of plants.

Just now it is paying attention to the strawberry, and has been for several weeks. It will also be in the tomato bloom before long, and will cause considerable injury if the weather continues dry and warm.

J. R. Watson, entomologist to the University of Florida Experiment Station, recommends spraying to control this insect. Tobacco extract is perhaps the best material. If black leaf 40 is used, mix at the rate of two-thirds of a pint to 100 gallons of water. Five quarts of commercial lime sulphur added to each 100 gallons of this mixture will kill any red spiders present.

THE GREATEST WOMAN

Who's the greatest woman in all history, past and present?

That is the question Kansas school teachers recently debated.

They spoke of Joan of Arc, Queen Elizabeth, Cleopatra, Grace Darling, Florence Nightingale, Jane Addams, Susan B. Anthony, and scores of others.

And to whom do you suppose they awarded the palm?

To the wife of the farmer of moderate means who does her own cooking, sewing, washing, ironing, trims up a family of boys and girls to be useful members of society, and who also finds time for intellectual improvement.

There are millions of such women in America, and no one better than the rural school teacher knows how great and useful they are.—Common (O.) Citizen.

THE SAME OFFENSE.

There were recently brought before a police magistrate in the south an old darkey who had fallen foul of a bulldog while in the act of entering the hen house of the dog's owner.

"Didn't I give you ten days last month for this same offense?" asked the judge. "It was the same hen house you were trying to get into. What have you got to say for yourself?"

"The darkey seemed perplexed. 'Yo' Honah,' he said, 'yo' sent me to de chain gang fo' tryin' to steal some chickens, didn't yo'?"

"Yes; that was the charge."

"An' don't de law say yo' can't be charged twice with de same offense?"

"That no man shall twice be placed in jeopardy for the identical act, yes."

"Den, Yo' Honah, youse gotta let me go, suh. I was after de same chickens, suh."—Exchange.

"KING WILSON"

Rules the United States, Says John Barotti, When Making Application for Naturalization Papers.

John Barotti, who was a candidate for naturalization papers before Supreme Court Justice Platt, in Yonkers, New York, recently, when asked who is the head of the United States government, replied, "King Wilson." This answer created a great deal of mirth in the court room.

Barotti, however, corrected himself later, and said that it was President Wilson. All his other answers being satisfactory, his papers were granted.

TAMPA HAS LARGE REGISTRATION.

The city of Tampa shows the largest number ever registered, there being 11,215 persons qualified to vote in the primary, June 6th. This makes an increase of 4,000 votes over the registration of two years ago.

The registration shows the party affiliation of the voters to be as follows: Democrats, 10,563; republicans, 376; socialists, 213; independent, 45; progressive, 18.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

May Meeting, 1916.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the court house in Arcadia on Monday, May 1st, 1916, with the following members present: L. W. Whitehurst, chairman; John Hagan, W. M. Whitten and W. G. Welles, D. L. Skipper being absent.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The following resolution was presented by W. M. Whitten and upon motion duly seconded, was adopted:

Whereas, On the 7th day of February, 1916, this board received bids for the construction of canals "A" and "B," of the Fort Ogden drainage district (after duly advertising therefor) and,

Whereas, The bid of S. McG. Carraway at 10 1-2 cents per cubic yard for the excavation of said canals was "declared to be the lowest bid by a responsible bidder for said work, and that the contract for said work would be awarded to said bidder after the bonds of the district have been sold," and,

Whereas, Said bonds have been sold to P. W. McAdow, now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That the contract for excavating and constructing canals "A" and "B," of the Fort Ogden drainage district be and the same is awarded to S. McG. Carraway at 10 1-2 cents per cubic yard, said work to be done as per specifications for said work as established by this board January 4, 1916.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the clerk was instructed to publish the following notice two weeks in the Punta Gorda Herald:

"Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed proposals up to 2 p. m., on June 7th, for furnishing and delivering approximately 1,320 cubic yards of marl or shell for division 16, and approximately 19,000 cubic yards of marl or shell for hard surfacing division 15 of Punta Gorda special road and bridge district.

"Specifications will be furnished by J. S. Bannister, District Engineer, Punta Gorda, Fla.

"A certified check equal to 2 per cent. of amount of bid, as evidence of good faith, will be required of each bidder."

"Separate bids will be considered on each division, reserving the right to reject any and all bids."

"A. L. DURRANCE, Clerk." Upon motion by William Whitten, duly seconded and carried, that the report of A. J. Gusman, R. J. McCurdy and O. Vanselow, committee appointed to view and mark a proposed public road forty feet wide from the northeast corner of section 25, township 40 south, range 26 east, to the northwest corner of section 30, same township and range, be received and placed on file, and the said road is hereby declared a public road, and the clerk is directed to post notice of same as required by law.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the tax collector was given authority to give credit to B. L. Coker for the personal tax on forty head of cattle, the same being an erroneous assessment.

The contract of the Cornwall Construction Company to do certain paving in the Punta Gorda special road and bridge district, was presented to the board for approval, and upon motion, seconded and carried, it was ordered that the same be turned over to the attorney of the board for investigation to be reported back to this board at this meeting.

By motion duly made, seconded and carried, the petition of H. M. Davis and twenty-two others for the widening to forty feet of the road beginning at the fourth mile post on the west line of section 5, township 41 south, range 23 east, and running thence east to the A. C. L. Railway, and thence along their right of way of said railway to Howard street, Punta Gorda, be granted, and that John A. Walsh, Joel Bishop and C. G. Brown be appointed to view and mark said road and report at the next meeting of this board.

The board then adjourned for dinner, to reassemble at 1 o'clock p. m. The board resumed its labors at 1 o'clock p. m., with Chairman Whitehurst presiding. Commissioner D. L. Skipper arrived and assumed his place.

Moved by W. M. Whitten, and seconded and carried, that the petition of E. E. Goodno and twelve others, asking that division No. 16, of the Punta Gorda special road and bridge district be constructed on the south line and the east line of the south half of section 27, township 42 south, range 20 east, instead of on the north line and the west line of said half section, be granted, on condition that the change be made without expense to the county, and in time that shall not delay the grading of the road, and Dr. C. E. Weaver, A. B. Tucker and J. S. Bannister are hereby appointed to view and mark said change, and report at the earliest date practicable.